

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The amendment to the specification is a unit conversion.

Claims 4-5 and 7-8 are canceled.

Claims 9-11 are withdrawn.

Claims 12-15 are new.

Claims 1-3 and 6 are amended.

Support for Claim 1 is found at original Claims 1, 4, and 7-8. Support for Claim 2 is found at original Claim 2. Support for Claim 3 is found at original Claim 3 and Claim 1. Support for Claim 6 is found at original Claim 6. Support for Claims 12-13 and 15 is found at Claim 6. Support for Claim 14 is found at Claim 3.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-3, 6, and 12-15 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to Figure 7. In Figure 7 (a copy of which is submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience), a solid circle and blank circles are clearly present. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

The objection to Claim 5 is obviated by cancellation of the claim.

The objection to Claim 6 is obviated by amending Claim 6 to correctly recite Markush group language.

The 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection of Claim 2 is believed to be obviated by amendment of the Claim 2.

The 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection of Claim 5 is obviated by cancellation of Claim 5.

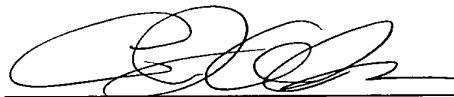
The 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection of Claims 1-8 is respectfully traversed. The rejection of Claims 4-5 and 7-8 is obviated by cancellation of these Claims. The rejection of Claim 1 is believed to be obviated by amendment of Claim 1 to include specific limitations which bring

the claim scope in line with the comparative data of Figures 8-9 and 11. Applicants submit that the data presented in Figures 8-9 and 11 are sufficient to overcome a *prima facie* case of obviousness, and therefore request withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1, and the Claims depending therefrom.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notification thereof is earnestly requested.

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